

the reason for the rejection of this by the Rules Committee was the fact that whose to tell whether or not it is exactly a duplication. It may come close. It may come fairly close and we may get into all sorts of arguments as to whether or not a person thought another bill took the place of his bill and he withdrew it, so he was allowed to introduce another bill and, therefore, we rejected this because of the fact that we did not feel as though it was definite enough in the matter of what was duplication and what might be close to duplication. Also, we thought that, and we so instructed the clerk of the Legislature to confer with the bill drafter and see if we couldn't get them in a position where they would keep a good record of the sections of bills that were introduced so that when someone came in to get another bill introduced that applied to the same section of law that they might inform them of that and they might get together. We, therefore, rejected this Rule change.

SPEAKER: Referring to Senator Maresh in the south balcony, do you agree with that. You can do so by a nod of the head. He so agrees. Unless some..Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, a question for Senator Duis. I quite agree with your last statement and I've been pressing for this kind of procedure ever since I've been in this Legislature. We still have not obtained that kind of procedure from the bill drafter and I am wondering if you have some kind of either a Rule or some kind of instructions that the clerk or somebody can get to the bill drafter so that we will be advised. I'm in a position again this session of having introduced a bill which will be heard today and there are two other bills, at least one, that's almost identical to it and I, very much, oppose whether we have a bill limitation or not I think it's bad and that's why the image of this Legislature is so bad for numbers of bills. We've got so much duplication.

SENATOR DUIS: Well thank you, Senator Luedtke. This very fine Committee that I have had made this suggestion already and the Clerk of the Legislature, I believe, has already started to work on this and we hope that with the use of our computer and our printing machines that this will get better because we can reduce the number of bills introduced by quite a lot. And, also, I think by having that if I might speak to the entire Legislature now, if you would go down to the bill drafter's office at the present time and check the statutes that are being...that bills have been drawn for, I think that you will find where you might be able to make amendments to bills in place of having other bills drawn. Now, there is going to be some objection to that at sometime or another but I think these amendments can be done in committee or they can also be done here on the floor. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Unless there is a motion to move for the Rule change, the Committee Report of rejection is accepted. It is so accepted. Are there any further Rule changes. Mr. Clerk, are there any further Rule changes?

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Are there any Resolutions?

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Are there any new bills?

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: We will then proceed to the consideration of bills on Select File.

CLERK: None, Mr. President.